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HAVING touch'd, in my laſt, on the Orders of the *Gown*, ſacred and civil, it may not be amiſs, in this Place, to obſerve with how much Juſtice and Prudence they have both agreed to lay aſide the laborious and unneceſſary Study of Oratory, that the *Antients* had ſo high an Eſteem for, and took ſo much Pains to practiſe and recommend: They wiſely found out that, if the Thing itſelf was render'd obſolete and unfaſhionable, there could be no Compariſon made in Mens Talents and Genius; and any certain Quantity of Words, whether to the Purpoſe or no, if they fill'd up ſuch a Portion of Time, would anſwer all their Ends as well as the moſt labour'd Declamations of *Tully* or *Demoſthenes*.——Fame, as I ſaid before, was no longer of any Value, or to ſerve the Publick a Duty: But Men of all Profeſſions had the Happineſs to diſcover that they liv'd only for themſelves, and that, of courſe, what conduc'd moſt to their Intereſt, was the moſt reaſonable and deſirable Purſuit.

Hence it happen'd, that all Perſons who ſpoke in publick, had acquir'd ſo thorough an Inſenſibility of the Opinion of their Audience, that you ſhould hear ſome prate for an Hour together, without ſo much as aiming to communicate a ſingle Idea: Others ſo nobly negligent of Harmony and Cadence, that they bellow'd, ſtammer'd, hiſs'd or howl'd, as if there was not an Ear in Company, or at leaſt as if they had none of their own. Then as to Attitude and Action, they ſate down contented with ſuch as Nature gave them: Or if they added any by Habit and Manner, one would have thought they had copied the Figures at *Hyde-Park Corner*, or thoſe Figures were Copies of them.——So thorough and intire a Contempt had they gloriouſly acquir'd, for the graceful and ſpirited Originals of *Greece* and *Rome*.

But what was above all Things admirable, in the Age we treat of, was, that ſuch a Creature as a *Philoſopher* was not known amongſt them: 'Twas a Character quite antiquated, and never mention'd but with Reference to remote Ages. Some there were, indeed, who, in their Writings, affected to be conſider'd in that Light, but alas! it was only to oppoſe any one of their Dogmas, and they threw aſide the Maſque at once, and bravely launch'd into all the Phrenzies and Extravagancies of the Vulgar: For, as to a Conqueſt of the Paſſions, an Indifference as to Riches, Honours, Titles, and Precedency, no one was fooliſh enough to pretend to either.——They had gain'd ſo true a Notion of their Value, were ſo perfectly convinc'd of the Reality of thoſe Enjoyments, that, on the contrary, they piqu'd themſelves on attaining them.——Nay ſtuck at nothing to affect it, and ridicul'd thoſe poor-ſpirited Sages of old, who over-look'd and deſpis'd them.——One Man, and he a Man of *Quality* too, had the Singularity to oppoſe this Torrent, both by Precept and Example; and what was the Conſequence? Why, truly, he was look'd upon as a little Lunatick while he liv'd, and has had his Memory revil'd, and his Aſhes affronted ever ſince, by a Set of Men who are *Philoſophers* by Law eſtabliſh'd, and wiſely diſdain to have their Lives and Doctrines examin'd by any other Teſt.

Poets, and Writers of all Sorts, were ſtill to be found in great Plenty, nay ſome will have it, they were more in Number than their Readers; as, in our Days, we have ſeen more Actors and Attendants on the Stage, than Spectators in the Pit: But then they were all, or by far, the greateſt Part of them of a directly oppoſite Species to thoſe of former Times.——Abundance writ on Politicks, and diurnally, or weekly, retail'd their Leſſons to the People.——But then they prudently declin'd giving themſelves any Trouble about ſuch Points, as might be any Advantage either to Prince or People, and wiſely liſted themſelves into Parties, and flatter'd and juſtify'd alternately the Hope and Meaſures of their Leaders, as might beſt ſerve their own Advantage.——Some made themſelves a Sort of Supplement to the Guards of their Monarchs, and wag'd War on the Publick.——Others again wag'd War on the Monarch, and like the unjuſt Steward in the Goſpel, made themſelves Friends among the Populace, to retire to from Court.

Abundance more dealt in Poems, Satires, Eſſays, Epitaphs, *&c.* and might be properly called Haberdaſhers of Small Wares to the *Muſes*: All of them affecting to call *Horace* their Maſter, and to have his Rules at their Fingers Ends; but, wiſely concluding he calculated them for other Days, and other Sorts of Genius, never made any Uſe of them in their Works at all: Having their Eye conſtantly fix'd on the Bookſeller and Patron, and preferring a few ſolid Guineas to all the tranſitory Fame of *Milton* and *Homer*.

Abundance of theſe, and abundance more beſide, had the Addreſs to lie in Ambuſh to prey upon the Works of their Contemporaries, and eſtabliſh their own Characters on the Ruins of others.——On theſe Principles, and with this View they bravely diſdain'd the round-about Method of becoming conſiderable, by appearing in a Body to poliſh or correct the Times; of ſuſtaining and upholding every Member, and founding their own particular Intereſt in the general Intereſt of their Profeſſion.——But ſingly and heroically ſet out in Search of Adventures, and demoliſh'd one another as the greateſt Monſter of the Times.

This gave wonderful Pleaſure to the People; for, whereas, formerly, this Set of Men were look'd upon as a Sort of Cenſors appointed by Nature, to take Cognizance of the Vices of the Age, they had now the Satisfaction to ſee themſelves ſecure in their worſt Irregularities, and theſe anxious Creatures, buſy'd in preying on themſelves.——Hence the Publick with great Prudence and Propriety abetted the Quarrels, affected to divide themſelves into Parties, and to eſpouſe and condemn by Turns.—But in Reality deſpis'd both alike, and only made themſelves Sport with either.—

The natural Conſequence of all this was that both Factions found themſelves juſtly undone by their own Arts, and had not even a Right to complain of the Misfortunes, they had principally brought upon themſelves.——And here 'tis impoſſible to forbear a proper Encomium on the Wiſdom of this People, on this Occaſion.—For, henceforward they abſolutely ſtopt their Ears, and blinded their Eyes to all Authors whatever.——Reſolv'd not to be rouz'd to attend any of their Studies more; but to make a proper Uſe of this Criſis, to root out, and annihilate the whole Breed. Whence it follow'd that Writers from the honourable Office of Cenſors, to reform the Age, became only Buffoons to deride them, and if the beſt Qualities did not appear as ridiculous as the worſt, the worſt were openly preferr'd before them.

But, to return to our Hiſtory, abundance ſtill employ'd themſelves in writing for the Stage: And, as Rules and Method were troubleſome and pedantick, boldly ſet them all aſide at once, and writ, as there had never been any ſuch Thing in Nature.——But there were others ſtill more prudent or modeſt than theſe; for not caring to truſt their own Genius, or even that of their Country: they ſtept abroad into foreign Nations, ſeiz'd upon all the dead Authors they could lay their Hands on, and brought them home in a Sort of Triumph: Nay, not ſatisfy'd with this, they made a Kind of theatrical Noſegays of them, bound a great Bundle of them up together, and bid the Audience chuſe for themſelves.——The Succeſs of theſe Gentlemen, who were oblig'd to theſe Arts, both by the Barrenneſs of their Invention, and the Narrowneſs of their Fortunes, was a Snare to tempt many others, who had not the leaſt Excuſe however, to try their Fortunes in the ſame Sort of Wares: But, not having the ſame Dexterity in Patch-work, or the ſame Pretence for ſlight and judicious Pieces, or the modiſh Knack of molding Droll, and burleſque Monſters, agreeable to the Humour of the Times, fell a Sacrifice to their own Temerity, and had the Misfortune to diſpleaſe an Age, that had Good-Nature enough to be pleas'd almoſt with any Thing.

[*To be continued.*]

As the following Poem is, I believe, very little known, and has ſomething in it exquiſitely poetical and entertaining, I ſhall make no Scruple of preſenting it to my Readers.

JEALOUSY. *By Way of Queſtion and Anſwer.*

Q. FROM whence was firſt this Fury hurl'd;
This Jealouſy to plague the World:
From Hell?
A. No; there doth reign
Eternal Hatred with Diſdain.
But ſhe the Daughter is of Love,
Siſter of Beauty ——
Q. Then above
She muſt derive, from the firſt Sphere
Her heav'nly Offspring?
A. Neither there,
From thoſe immortal Flames, could ſhe
Draw her cold, frozen Pedigree.
Q. If not in Heav'n, or Hell, where then
Had ſhe her Birth?
A. In th' Hearts of Men.
Beauty and Fear did her create
Younger than Love, elder than Hate;
Siſter to both, by Beauty's Side,
To Love by Fear, by Hate ally'd.
Deſpair her Iſſue is; whoſe Race
Of fruitful Miſchiefs, drowns the Space
Of the wide Earth, in a ſwoln Flood
Of Wrath, Revenge, Spite, Rage and Blood.
Q. Oh! how can ſuch a ſpurious Line
Proceed from Parents ſo divine?
A. As Streams which from their chryſtal Spring,
Do ſweet, and clear their Waters bring;
Yet, mingling with the brackiſh Main,
Nor Taſte, nor Colour they retain.
Q. Yet Streams, while 'twixt their Banks do flow,
Still freſh. Can Jealouſy do ſo?
A. Yes while ſhe keeps the ſtedfaſt Ground
Of Hope and Fear, her equal Bound:
Hope, ſprung from Favour, Worth, or Chance,
Towards the fair Object doth advance:
While Fear, as watchful Centinel,
Doth the invading Foe repel:
And Jealouſy, thus mixt, doth prove
The Seaſon and the Salt of Love.
But, when Fear takes a larger Scope,
Stifling the Child of Reaſon Hope,
Then, ſitting on the uſurp'd Throne,
She, like a Tyrant, rules alone,
As the wild Ocean unconfin'd,
And raging as the Northern Wind.

The MEDITATION.

IT muſt be done my Soul, but 'tis a ſtrange
A diſmal and myſterious Change,
When thou ſhalt leave this Tenement of Clay,
And to an unknown ſomewhere wing away;
When Time ſhall be Eternity, and thou
Shalt be thou know'ſt not what, and live thou know'ſt not how.

Amazing State! No Wonder that we dread
To think of Death, or view the dead.
Thou'rt all wrapt up in Clouds, as if to thee
Our very Knowledge had Antipathy.
Death could not a more ſad Retinue find,
Sickneſs and Pain before, and Darkneſs all behind.

Some courteous Ghoſt tell this great Secreſy,
What 'tis you are, and we muſt be.
You warn us of approaching Death, and why
May we not know of you, what 'tis to die?
But you, having ſhot the Gulph, delight to ſee
Succeeding Souls plunge in with like Uncertainty.

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Remarks on the foregoing MEDITATION.

SINCE all Mankind in general have such a Dread and an Abhorrence of Death, whence comes it that so many every Year run wilfully to it, and become their own Executioners? Whereas were any one to attempt their Lives either to throw them from a Window, into a deep River, or present a Pistol to their Head, or by any other Way to threaten them with instant Death if they did not deliver up all they had, they would, as we weekly hear, presently resign all to save their Lives. What an unaccountable Frenzy then must it be for Mankind thus voluntarily to destroy themselves, and thereby God's Image imprinted on every one. This I take to be farther owing from Envy, and an over-proud Heart, having too high an Esteem for themselves, impatient of the wise Dispensations of Providence; which brings them at length to call in Question the Being of a God.

Therefore it behoves all of us earnestly to beseech the omnipotent, eternal, and all-wise God, that he will not leave us to ourselves, but that he would vouchsafe to us his divine Grace to be our constant Guide during this mortal Life, that we may wait with Patience for our great Change.

SATURDAY, *August* 2.

ON Tuesday Night last, the *Joseph* and *Mary*, Capt. *John Bundy*, was robbed on the *Thames* by four Men well armed, of a Gold Watch, a Purse of 100 Doublons in it, two Suits of Cloaths belonging to the Captain, and several other Goods to a considerable Value. The Ship lies near the Lower-side of *Limehouse*: The Captain was a-shore, and two Men and the Cabbin-Boy were on board, whom they tied with Ropes, in which Condition they were till Wednesday Morning, when Mr. *Lovelock*, the Mate, went on board.

Yesterday between Two and Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, six young Watermen started for Mr. *Dogget*'s Coat and Badge, and Odds were laid that the same would be carried below Bridge this Year; but soon after they started, one of them, who ply'd below Bridge, ran a-ground, and gave out; the other indeed ply'd it hard against *Watford*, the *Temple* Man, but lost it by about 100 Yards; tho' he would have been beat with a great deal more Ease, had not *Watford* been much incommoded by a large Shallop which came from below Bridge, in Favour of the other.

Marriage. On Thursday Morning *Jacob Houblon*, Esq; Member of Parliament for *Colchester* in *Essex*, was married to the Daughter of Sir *John Hind Cotton*, Bart. Member of Parliament for *Cambridge*.

MONDAY, *August* 4.

Last Tuesday Evening the Assizes ended at *Derby*, when *John Smith* (who was remov'd from *Stafford* Gaol) was tried for Burglary and Felony, and being found guilty, receiv'd Sentence of Death for the same; as did *Sam. Stone*, a Boy about 17, for Burglary and Felony, in breaking into the House of *William Linnett* of that Town, and taking from thence 11 Guineas, six Half-Crowns and a Handkerchief. The former is order'd for Execution, and the latter repriev'd, in order for Transportation for 14 Years.

On Friday Morning early a young Gentleman belonging to the *Temple*, was stopp'd in *Cheapside* by three Street-Robbers, who told him they must speak to him in *Bow-Church-Yard*; when they had him there they charg'd him to deliver his Money on Pain of Death, upon which he gave them about 12*s.* then they wish'd him a good Night, and made off: He had the good Fortune that Night to leave his Gold Watch at home.

The same Day about Four in the Afternoon, as Mr. *Walters*, a Perfumer near the New Church in the *Strand*, was returning from *Hampstead*, he was robb'd by a single Highwayman, of about 25*l.* which he had receiv'd at *Hampstead* to pay in Town; and being at such a Time, he thought he might bring it safely to Town.

Last Thursday in the Afternoon Mr. *Du Cain* going in his Coach to *Hackney*, was attack'd by a Highwayman, who robb'd him of a considerable Sum of Money. 'Tis remarkable, the said Gentleman has been robb'd three Times within a few Days, and, as believ'd, by the same Man.

Last Saturday a Hay-Stack belonging to Mr. *Matam* at *Kentish-Town* took Fire, when a poor Man going to the Top of it, the Hay sunk in with him, and he was burnt to Death.

The same Morning about Four o'Clock, a Hay-Rick belonging to Mr. *John Prat*, a Farmer at *Tottenham-Court*, took Fire, occasioned by being put up too wet, which burnt with such Fury, that notwithstanding they had the Assistance of near 150 Persons and two Engines, which play'd for some Time, near 30 Cart-Loads of it were intirely burnt, and about 60 or 70 Loads greatly damaged. The Loss is computed at upwards of 100*l.* and the rest of the Hay-Ricks, which are valued at near 1500*l.* were in the greatest Danger of being also set on Fire.

Preferment. The Rev. Mr. *Peacock*, Fellow of *Magdalen* College, *Oxford*, is presented to the Living of *Appleton* near *Abingdon*, vacant by the Death of the Rev. Dr. *Palmer*.

Marriage. Last Tuesday Dr. *Owen*, the Man-Midwife in *Bow-Lane*, and Fellow of *Jesus* College, *Oxford*, was married to Dr. *Douglas*'s eldest Daughter, a beautiful young Lady of 10,000*l.* Fortune.

Bankrupts. Thomas Smith, of St. *George*, *Middlesex*, Bricklayer and Chapman.——*Wm. Greenwood*, late of *Swaffham*, *Norfolk*, Grocer.

TUESDAY, *August* 5.

On Friday last the Assizes ended at *Maidstone* for the County of *Kent*, when two Persons were capitally convicted, one for Burglary, and the other for the Highway.

At the said Assizes, the Trials of the noted *Samuel Smith*, a Baker at *Lambeth*, and *John James* his Accomplice, were to have come on for several Robberies committed in that County; but being brought before the Court, a Dispute arose which of them should be an Evidence, which occasioned their Trials being put off. The Case was thus, *James* being taken, offers an Information of the Robberies committed by him, *Smith*, and one *Emerson*, now in *Worcester* Gaol; soon after *Smith* voluntarily surrender'd, in order to make himself an Evidence, and the Court was pleased to allow him as such, he consenting to be transported.

The aforesaid *Smith* has given an Account of upwards of 30 Robberies in *Kent* and *Surrey*, amongst which was that of Mr. *Hales*, at *Peckham*, whom they us'd in a cruel and barbarous Manner. They are to be remov'd by a Habeas Corpus, to take their Trials at *Kingston* Assizes. *Emerson* is remov'd from *Worcester*, to take his Trial likewise.

There was a prodigious deal of Rain fell last Week Westward, with much Thunder and Lightning; the Roads between *Henley* and *Abingdon* are as bad as in the Midst of Winter, and the River *Thames* Westward is now fuller of Water than it has been for several Winters past, (except the last) occasion'd by the Land Waters coming down out of the Country.

On Saturday last the Master of a Vessel belonging to *Hull*, walking along *Bear-Key*, had the Misfortune to tumble over, and pitch'd his Head against a Lighter, and then fell into the *Thames*; he was immediately taken up, but had fractur'd his Skull, and was kill'd. He has left a Wife and five Children.

Letters from *Paris* say, that there hath lately happen'd such Thunder and Lightning between that City and *Orleans*, as had not been known in the Memory of Man, the Corn for several Leagues being intirely destroy'd by it, many Persons lost their Lives, and vast Numbers of Cattle kill'd by the Lightning.

We hear by a Letter from *Madrid*, that *Antonio Alonzo Albiol* the Black, (well known by our Mariners and Captains, who have been Traders to the *West-Indies*) Captain of a *Spanish Guarda Costa*, and born at *Havanna*, was sentenced by the *West-India* Council at *Madrid*, to be hanged and quartered for counterfeiting his *Catholick* Majesty's Licences and Pasports, *&c.* He was executed at *Madrid* near the Palace of *Buen Retiro*, the 30th of *June* last; his Right Hand was cut off before the Execution. This Captain Black or Mulato has been the Occasion of the Death of many *Englishmen*, and the Cause of so many vile, barbarous and cruel Torments and Extortions as have been used on our *English* Traders in *America*: He was brought to *Spain* about 12 Months ago from *Havanna*, by a *Spanish* Man of War.

Preferments. His Majesty has been pleased to appoint *John Latton*, Esq; to be Consul-General at *Tetuan*, in the room of *John Leonard Zollicoffre*, deceas'd!——His Majesty has been likewise pleased to appoint *John Graham*, Esq; to be Lieutenant-Governor of *Guernsey*; as also *Philip Honeywood*, Esq; to be Governor of *Berwick upon Tweed*.

Deaths. Yesterday died Mr. *John Eccleston*, at his House in *Gracechurch-street*: He was a considerable Merchant, and has been many Years a Director of the *East-India* Company.——On Sunday died, at *Chesham* in *Bucks*, *John Ware*, Esq; High Sheriff for the County of *Bucks*.

WEDNESDAY, *August* 6.

We hear, that upon Account of the great Crowds and Throngs of People that have attended the Stag-hunting at *New Park*, when the Royal Family have hunted there, which has rendered the riding there not only very troublesome, but very dangerous; her Majesty has been pleased to order that no Person shall be admitted into the Park without a hunting Ticket prepared for that Purpose, with the Date of the Day, and the Seal of the Ranger, to be given weekly by the Ranger or his Deputy, upon proper Application.

A fine Monument is going to be erected in the Cathedral Church of *Winchester*, to the Memory of the late Bishop of that See.

Two other Monuments are going also to be erected in *Westminster-Abbey*, one to the Memory of the late Mr. *Guy*, Founder of *Guy*'s Hospital in *Southwark*, done by the famous Mr. *Scheemaker*; and the other to the Memory of the late celebrated Poet Mr. *Gay*, done by the famous Mr. *Rysbrack*.

Yesterday the Coroner's Inquest, after an Examination of several Surgeons and Sir *Richard Manningham*, and an Inspection of the Body of Mrs. *Fletcher*, who died on Sunday last, at the *Plough* at *Kensington-Gravel-Pits*, brought in their Verdict that she died a *Natural Death*; it appearing she had a Stone in her Kidnies, and one falling down might have stopt the Passage, and prevented her making Water for 19 Days as mention'd. The Affidavit she made, is deliver'd to the Agents for the Brewer now in Custody on this Account, and a Case drawn up, to have the Opinion of Council, in order to his being bail'd.

Wheat it is reckon'd will soon be cheap again, there being very great Crops, and great Quantities are already got in. Barley will be exceeding cheap, there being the greatest Crops that ever were known.

Laſt Week as the Turnkey of *Oxford* Gaol was removing a Priſoner by a Habeas Corpus to *Warwick* Gaol for Horſe-ſtealing, the Fellow found Means to pick the Turnkey's Pocket of a Piſtol, and ſhot him dead on the Spot; after which he made his Eſcape to a Wood; but by the diligent Care of a neighbouring Gentleman, the Wood was ſurrounded, and the Villain taken.

As a Courier was lately paſſing the *Pyrenean* Mountains in his Way from *Madrid* for *London*, with Diſpatches from Mr. *Keene*, a Party of *Spaniſh* Horſe ſeiz'd there a Gang of 24 *Tartars*, or *Egyptians*, who had committed ſeveral Murders and Robberies; 12 of whom were order'd to be hang'd in two Days, and the others to be ſent to the Gallies.

We hear that there will be ſpeedily a Proclamation iſſued for calling in the Six-pences, which being moſtly coin'd in the Reign of K. *William*, are grown very ſlight, and deficient in their Weight.

On Tueſday two *Iriſh* Women were apprehended in *Newtoner's-Lane*, on Suſpicion of being Coiners; and after a long Examination before Juſtice *Deveil*, they were committed by him, one to New Priſon, and the other to *Clerkenwell Bridewell*, for further Examination.

Death. A few Days ſince died, by a Fall he receiv'd from his Horſe, having diſlocated his Neck, the Rev. Mr. *Cholmley*, one of the Vicars of the Cathedral Church of *Hereford*.

Bankrupts. *John Clark*, of *Kingston* in *Surrey*, Inn-holder, Vintner and Chapman.——*Edward Barker*, of *Holywell-ſtreet*, St. *Clement Danes*, *Middleſex*, Mercer.——*John Kennel* and *Richard Kennel*, of *Sittingborne* in *Kent*, Inn-holders, Chapmen, and Co-partners.——*Andrew Fitzgerald*, of *Brook-ſtreet*, *Hanover-Square*, *Middleſex*, Baker and Chapman.——*William Jeffreys*, of *Southwark*, *Surrey*, Broker and Chapman.

THURSDAY, *Auguſt* 7.

Yeſterday Mr. *Thomas Wooly*, Plaiſterer, and Clerk of the Pariſh of *Great St. Helen's* in *Biſhopsgate-ſtreet*, being at Work at the Top of the Houſe of Mr. *Burr*, a Packer, in the ſaid Pariſh, fell from the Scaffold, and died on the Spot. He has left a Widow, and a Son about two Years of Age.

The ſame Day Juſtice *Hilder* committed a Man of near 70 Years of Age to the *Gatehouſe*, *Weſtminſter*, for raviſhing a Girl of about nine Years of Age, and giving her the foul Diſeaſe.

Laſt Week the Aſſizes ended at *Bridgnorth* for the County of *Salop*, when *John Wayn* was capitally convicted for Horſe-ſtealing: *Thomas Williams*, for ſtealing Goods to a conſiderable Value, and *John Smith*, for ſtealing Sheep-Skins, were order'd for Tranſportation; and *Richard Jordain*, who was tried for the Murder of *Richard Dunn*, was diſcharg'd.

Laſt Friday the Aſſizes ended at *Newcaſtle upon Tyne*, which prov'd a Maiden one; and only *Anne Smith* and *Ralph Bonner*, were caſt for Tranſportation.

At the Aſſizes at *Durham*, *Jonathan Simpſon* was capitally convicted for the Murder of his Baſtard Child, by throwing it into a running Water; *Elizabeth Wandleſſe* was burnt in the Hand, *Thomas Pickering* caſt for Tranſportation, and the reſt acquitted.

Yeſterday was held a General Court of the *South-Sea* Company, when they came to a Reſolution not to ſend a Ship to Sea this Year.

Launceſton, *Auguſt* 1. This Day came on the Trials of *Henry Rogers*, and *John Street*, one of his Aſſiſtants, for the Murder committed in oppoſing the Sheriff of *Cornwall* in the Execution of his Office. *Rogers* was arraign'd upon five Indictments, and *Street* upon two. The Trials began about Seven in the Morning, and ended about Two in the Afternoon. *Rogers* was tried upon the three firſt Indictments, and being found guilty in all three, the Court thought it unneceſſary to proceed upon the other two. *Street* was found guilty of the two Indictments againſt him; and they both receiv'd Sentence of Death before the Court aroſe. The Counſel for the King were Mr. Serjeant *Chapple*, Mr. *Forteſcue*, Mr. Serjeant *Eyre*, Mr. *Penroſe*, and Mr. *Forteſcue*, jun. The Counſel for the Criminals were Mr. *Pratt* and Mr. *Draper*. *Nicholas Paxton*, Eſq; Sollicitor for the Treaſury, was alſo here on the Part of the Crown, he being ſent down purpoſely to proſecute this Affair.

Coventry, *Auguſt* 3. An uncommon Trick has been play'd in this County, tho' probably the Contrivers may ſwing for it: It was thus; a Cheeſe-Factor that lives near *Namptwich* came by here Poſt on Thurſday Morning laſt; and his Brother, a Cheeſemonger in St. *Giles's*, follow'd him from *London*, and overtook him about three Miles beyond *Colſhill*, near the *Green Man* at the Park Corner, where he robb'd him of 200 Guineas; upon which the Cheeſe-Factor went before a Juſtice, and made an Affidavit of his having been robb'd *by a Highwayman*, in order, it is preſum'd, to ſue the Hundred; upon this the Country being alarm'd, roſe with Expedition to purſue him, and the Oſtler at the *White-bear-Inn* mounting a ſpeedy Horſe, and going in Purſuit of him, found him at the *Wheat-Sheaf*, about a Mile from *Coventry*, in the Parlour, with a Piſtol lying on the Table; but the Oſtler ruſh'd in and ſeiz'd him, and brought him hither, and upon ſearching him found the Money and a Watch; upon which he was impriſon'd, and the next Day his Brother coming here was taken, and after Examination, both were ſent to *Warwick* to be try'd at the Aſſizes.

Death. Yeſterday died the Wife of *John Clark*, Eſq; at his Houſe in *Golden-Square*: She was marry'd but a few Months ago.

FRIDAY, *Auguſt* 8.

Yeſterday Morning about Six o'Clock, a Duel was fought near the Horſe-Guard-Houſe at *Kenſington*, between *James Lee*, of the County of *Salop*, Eſq; and *Jonathan Andrews*, Eſq; an Enſign in Col. *Read's* Regiment of Foot at *Gibraltar*, when after ſeveral Paſſes, the former receiv'd a ſlight Wound in his Left Breaſt, and the other a Wound thro' his Body, and died on the Spot.

The unfortunate Gentlemen both lodg'd in the ſame Houſe near *Charing-Croſs*, and happening to quarrel, Mr. *Andrews* challeng'd Mr. *Lee* to fight him in the *Privy-Garden* at *Whitehall*, which he accordingly did, and the Sword of the latter being broke without any Wound receiv'd on either Side, they were parted, and went home to their own Apartments. Yeſterday Morning about Four o'Clock, Mr. *Andrews* went to Mr. *Lee's* Chamber, and challeng'd him to fight him again, when Mr. *Lee* deſir'd he would be eaſy, and leave his Room; but the other inſiſting he would fight him, and making a great Diſturbance, the Miſtreſs of the Houſe ſent for a Conſtable from St. *Martin's* Watch-houſe, in order to have him ſecur'd; but the Conſtable being gone from thence, they both went into *Pall-Mall*, where Mr. *Andrews* knock'd up a Sword-Cutler, and gave him 28 Shillings for a Sword, and the other borrowing one of a Friend in the ſame Street, they went in a Hackney-Coach to *Hyde-Park-Corner*, and from thence walk'd together almoſt to *Kenſington-Gardens*, when on a ſudden Mr. *Andrews* bid the other draw, and after a ſhort Engagement perceiving himſelf dangerouſly wounded, ſaid to Mr. *Lee*, *Damn your Blood, you have kill'd me, make off:* Upon which the latter catch'd hold of him, and held him upon his Legs, till ſome Men came from the new Road to his Aſſiſtance, who ſetting him on the Ground, he died immediately. The Deceas'd was carried to the Horſe-Guards at *Kenſington*; and Mr. *Lee* being carried before Juſtice *Ray* of *Knightsbridge*, after an Examination of four Hours, was committed to the *Gatehouſe*.

Yeſterday at the Aſſizes at *Kingston* in *Surrey*, *Joſeph Emerſon* and *John James* were capitally convicted, for ſeveral Robberies committed in the County of *Surrey*.

Sir *John Norris*, and all the great Ships of his Squadron, are expected home the latter End of next Month; but the ſmall Ships, it is believ'd, will winter at *Liſbon*, his *Portugueze* Majeſty having deſir'd that Favour of his *Britannick* Majeſty.

The Cheeſe-Factor and his Brother, who were taken up and committed to *Warwick* Gaol, and were to be tried at the Aſſizes there on Tueſday laſt, have made a full Confeſſion, that the pretended Robbery was concerted between them, in order to defraud the County of the Sum of 227 *l.* which the Cheeſe-Factor had received in Caſh from the Maſter of the *George-Inn* in *Aldersgate-ſtreet*, not half an Hour before he took Poſt-Horſes for *Cheſhire*. It was obſerved, that a very extraordinary Confuſion and Tremour was upon him, whilſt he was counting the ſaid Money; and though preſs'd by the ſaid Maſter to alter his Deſign of riding Poſt, with an Offer of his Company as far as *Coventry*, yet nothing would prevail with him to alter his firſt Deſign.

On Wedneſday Mr. *Thomas Bell* of *Briſtol*, died at *Kenſington* of the Wounds he received from ſome Rogues who robbed him on Monday laſt near *Kenſington-Gravel-Pits*.

At the laſt Aſſizes at *Leiceſter* came on a great Cauſe, at the Niſi Prius Bar, before Mr. Juſtice *Reeve*, wherein the Inhabitants of the Town of *Nottingham* were Plaintiffs, and ſeveral of the Inhabitants of the County of *Derby* Defendants, relating to the latter's paying Toll for Barges, *&c.* paſſing down the River *Trent* at *Nottingham-Bridge*; when it appearing that the ſaid Bridge was rather a Hindrance than an Advantage to the Navigation of the River, the Trial went in Favour of the Defendants.

Laſt Wedneſday in the Afternoon, as Mr. *Chaire* was coming from *Woolwich* in a Boat, a light Ship falling down the River, run her down and ſunk her, by which Accident Mr. *Chaire* and one of the Watermen were drowned; but the other Waterman was ſaved by a Boat that went to his Aſſiſtance from the Ship.

We hear from *Holland*, that the States-General have declar'd they will not concern themſelves in the Diſpute between the Courts of *Spain* and *Portugal*.

From *Liſbon*, that the King of *Portugal* very much preſſes his *Britannick* Majeſty's good Offices to have the Diſputes referr'd to a future Congreſs.

And from *Madrid*, that his *Catholick* Majeſty inſiſts upon an Anſwer, in a Month's Time, to the Propoſals lately made to his *Portugueze* Majeſty: Otherwiſe, he ſhall immediately give him Satisfaction.

Marriage. Yeſterday Mr. *Standard*, a conſiderable Wine Merchant, was married at *Guildhall* Chapel to Miſs *Mary Maſters*, ſecond Daughter of Sir *Harcourt Maſters*, Knt. and Alderman of this City, a young Lady of a large Fortune.

Deaths. On Wedneſday Night died ſuddenly as he was at Supper, at his Lodgings in *Bond-ſtreet*, the Rev. Dr. *George Stadington* of *Yorkſhire*.——Yeſterday died at *Kenſington*, *John Weſton* of *Cambridgeſhire*, Eſq; His Eſtate, of about 1000 *l. per Annum*, devolves to his Son, a Minor at *Oxford*.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Extract of a Letter from Paris.

WE have from very good Hands, the following Anſwer which the King made, by Monſ. *Fenelon* to Mr. *Horace Walpole:* Nothing intereſts me in the preſent War ſo much as *Poland*; my Honour is highly concern'd in it: It is indifferent to *England* what Prince reigns there, having no Intereſt therein: The Conqueſts which my Allies have made in *Italy* is more immediately their Concern than mine; as ſoon as they ſhall be ſatisfy'd about them, I ſhall be content: But in the mean Time, I will do my utmoſt Endeavour in *Germany* to weaken my Enemies. I have already declar'd that I would not keep Poſſeſſion of any of the Places that I ſhould take, *England* may be aſſur'd of it from the Promiſe I have made her: She would have given me infinite Satisfaction in her Mediation, if ſhe had not at the ſame Time arm'd herſelf; but I would have her know, that no Power in *Europe* ſhall give Law to me. And this you may communicate to your Maſter.

Nothing like an Accommodation appears in the Tenor of this Anſwer, nor can it poſſibly be brought about whilſt both Parties continue ſo warm in the Affair of *Poland*.

We hear that the Diffidence and Miſunderſtanding between the *Spaniards* and *Piedmonteſe* increaſe more and more, and the Troops employ'd in the Blockade of *Mantua* are remov'd at a greater Diſtance, to avoid a Sickneſs which the Stench of the Lake, low in Water as it now is by the great Drought, may occaſion; ſo that the Governor often receives freſh Supplies of Proviſions, *&c.*

From *Leghorn* they write, that 3600 Bombs have been lately ſent from that Place for the Siege of *Mantua*.

A Proteſtation having been drawn up by ſome *Poles* againſt the Diet of Pacification, tending to defeat the Effect of it, till the Damages they have ſuffer'd are ſatisfy'd. Count *Munich* has been oblig'd to publiſh at *Prague*, under Sound of Trumpet, 'That he has expreſs Orders to purſue, with Fire and Sword, 'all the Oppoſers of the Diet, and to treat 'them as Enemies to their Country, and the 'publick Tranquillity of the Kingdom.'

They write from the *Hague*, that a terrible Miſunderſtanding has happen'd at *Conſtantinople*, between the Grand Vizir and the Earl of *Kinnoul*, the *Engliſh* Ambaſſador there: It is pretended the Earl diſcover'd to the Ambaſſador of *France*, every Thing that paſs'd between the Grand Vizir and the Miniſters of the Empreſs of *Ruſſia* and thoſe of the Maritime Powers: The Earl's Secretary, it ſeems, is chiefly blam'd by the Grand Vizir.

Letters from *Paris* own, that their Troops on the *Rhine* deſert in great Numbers, and pretend that this happens from the State of Inactivity they are in there; they likewiſe allow, that the *Imperial* Huſſars are conſtantly buſy with them, and do them great Miſchief. They report, that the *Ruſſians* very unwillingly march to the *Rhine*, and have not above 900 effective Men in their firſt Column: That the *French* Troops are ſo far from being terrify'd at their Approach, that they make Sport of it: That there is yet no Intelligence of the ſecond Column: And that if the News from the North prove true of a general Inſurrection in *Muſcovy*, and of its being invaded with 100,000 *Tartars*, there will be Buſineſs enough for them at home; but confeſs that this has not been confirm'd. The ſame Letters add, that by Advices from *Conſtantinople*, the Defeat of the *Turks* is confirm'd, but ſay, that it has been greatly exaggerated in Foreign Papers, and that they are not in ſuch Conſternation as has been repreſented; but on the contrary, a real Good has ariſen from this Evil, which has engag'd the Porte to make Peace with the *Perſians*, upon the invincible *Kouli Kan*'s own Terms.

They write from *Vienna* of the 30th paſt, that a Courier was arriv'd from *Munich*, with News that the Elector of *Bavaria* had at laſt declar'd he will ſend his Contingent to the *Imperial* Army on the *Rhine*. And 'tis added, that the Frontiers of the *Tyrol* are effectually ſecur'd from any Invaſion of the Enemy.

The Count *de Montijo* went the 10th Inſt. N. S. to *Verſailles*, to take Leave of the *French* King and his Miniſters, and ſet out the next Day for *Hanover*.

The laſt Letters from the Army in *Italy* ſay, that General *Wallis* was arriv'd in the *Trentine*, to take upon him the Command of the *Imperial* Troops, in the room of Count *Konigsegg*; and that there is a great Deſertion from the Garriſon of *Mantua*.

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